

SPEAKER: If anybody feels offended and wants a machine vote, let me know. I won't grant it. Now, Senator Lewis, what will you do with the bill?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I move that we advance the bill to E&R initial as amended.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of--Senator Waldron?

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President. May I ask Senator Lewis a question please?

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes, certainly.

SENATOR WALDRON: Uh, Lewis, what's the rationale behind the requirement that a person must be a resident for a year in one of these public power districts before they might be able to run for the board of directors, or be able to be elected to the board of directors?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well, Senator Waldron, to be a member of a board of directors he must also be a customer of this public power district and it seems that this is a short enough period to qualify a person as a, as a director and be familiar with the workings of that particular district.

SENATOR WALDRON: Well, may I suggest that there's only one office in the State, or maybe two offices, Mayor of, I think being the Mayor of Omaha, but also the State Legislature where you have to have a period as long as one year before you can run for that office and so I would certainly oppose the bill just on that basis alone because there is no way that you can say being a resident of that district, he could have come from another district or been a run--or lived on a farm somewhere else and then moved. There is no reason that he wouldn't be just as well qualified as a person, a person moving in there 30 days or six months, it would seem to me would be just as well qualified as one person living there a year.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Lewis would yield to a question?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Senator Lewis, I think you're aware that I had a problem in my district about one precinct, voting precinct being completely left out. Has this been corrected in this bill?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Yes, Senator Hasebroock it has.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: All right. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Are you ready for the question? Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Lewis a question.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Yes, Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: What is the real thrust of this bill? What's the purpose of it?